

REMARKS

Claims 1-25, 27-41, 43, and 44 are pending. Applicants address each of the objections and rejections in the order in which they appear in the Action.

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 5-10 and 25 contain patentable subject matter. Applicants have amended claim 5 to incorporate all of the recitations of the claim from which it depends, namely claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5-10 have been placed in condition for allowance.

Applicants have also amended claims 2-4, 11-17, and 27 to depend from patentable amended claim 5. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that dependent amended claims 2-4, 11-17, and 27 as well as the claims that depend therefrom, namely claims 18, 19, 32-41, 43, and 44 are also patentable and request that the rejections of these dependent claims be withdrawn.

Applicants have also amended claim 20 to include the subject matter of patentable claim 5, namely “wherein the solution comprises a lower alcohol.” Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 20-24 are patentable and respectfully request that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants have also cancelled claims 28-31 without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter of these claims in a continuing application.

CONCLUSION

All claim rejections being addressed in full, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the outstanding objections and rejections and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner contact the undersigned, who can be reached at (919) 483-9024.

Respectfully submitted,

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